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The Legacy Golf Course will host the YMCA Golf Tournament in conjunction with the Granite City Rotary Club. Pictured are Rich Wittmann, executive director of the Granite City YMCA; YMCA Board Chairman Joe Hassler; John Papa, YMCA Golf Tournament chairman; and Patti Fountain, Golf Committee member.

Golfing for the 'Y'

Annual benefit tournament set for Aug. 9

By Bob State
Staff writer

The Tri-City Area YMCA has been providing programs for children, adults and senior citizens for more than 50 years.

The YMCA will hold its 15th annual Golf Classic on Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Legacy Golf Course. The four-person scramble event raises about \$10,000 to offset the cost of programs and services for children who cannot otherwise pay for them.

The deadline to enter is July 24. The cost is \$80 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments and a steak dinner. Participation in the tournament is only one way to assist the Y with its programs for

youth. The tournament committee is also seeking sponsors of tees and greens, as well as donations of merchandise to be given away.

Sponsors of tees or greens will have a sign placed advertising their business. Green sponsorship is \$150 and tee sponsorship is \$100. Sponsorships of practice tees or greens are available for \$200. The donations are tax deductible.

The Granite City Optimist Club will sponsor a Legacy One-Year Membership Shootout in conjunction with the tournament. The final shoot-down will be held on the same day as the tournament.

For more information about the YMCA golf tournament, shootout or any YMCA program, call the YMCA at 876-7200.

Incorporation may face obstacle

County considering plan to review all annexations, incorporations

Madison County officials want the power to approve incorporation attempts, such as recent efforts by Mitchell residents.

A resolution to that effect was proposed during Wednesday's meeting of the county's Land Use Committee.

"We need a resolution to review any incorporations or annexations," said committee chairman Jack Frandsen, D-Alhambra.

County officials have gone to court in an attempt to stop the Mitchell incorporation, which would include a large section of the new Gateway Commerce Center light industrial park at Illinois Route 111 and Interstate 270. Associate Judge Randall K. Bono ruled Tuesday that Mitchell organizers failed to properly advertise notice of the hearing. Bono's ruling does not throw out Mitchell's petition for a November election on incorpora-



"I don't think I could support anything that would go against the efforts of the citizens to choose their own destiny."

— Pat Polley
Board member

tion, but will require Mitchell to advertise once a week for three weeks to get another hearing. That could thwart plans to have the incorporation vote on the November ballot.

The resolution considered by the committee would require the county to evaluate whether a proposed municipality was financially viable and compatible with the county's Land Use Plan.

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Fire being investigated

Three arrested after apparent arson at home

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

Granite City police officers and the Granite City Fire Department are investigating a suspicious fire and possible burglary that occurred early Friday at a one-bedroom house.

Police Chief Dave Reubhausen said that at 4:31 a.m. officers were investigating the house, located at 2442 Edison Ave., after someone heard glass breaking and reported it. During their investigation into the incident, the officers discovered a fire in the residence, he said.

Fire Chief Keith Talley said that when fire-

fighters arrived at the scene, they discovered a bed in flames in the bedroom.

"Nobody was home at the time," he said. "It was a single-family dwelling."

"We located and retained one suspect," Reubhausen said. "Two others ran but were apprehended."

The suspects are in the Granite City jail, but their names cannot be released because they have not been charged yet, Reubhausen said.

He said a resident of the house, Carl Anderson, was located and told police he had been

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Light in the sky

Mysterious sight may have been fireball

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

There was more than fireworks in the night sky on the Fourth of July, and many local residents are wondering just what it was.

Depending on whom you talk to, residents saw a light that was blue, green or blue-green. But most people who reportedly saw it agreed that the light was bright, gone quickly and definitely not part of any fireworks display.

The director of the Space Sciences program at the St. Louis Center agreed.

"It was a fireball, which is a very bright meteor," said Terri Gipson. "A fireball is brighter than Venus, which is one of the brightest stars in the night sky."

The mysterious light was seen all over the area, including in Collinsville, Caseyville, Troy, Edwardsville and Granite City. It was even

"If we weren't on the roof, with our eyes focused on the sky, we would probably have missed it entirely. It seemed so close and so low."

— Dave Lindsay

seen as far east as the Mount Vernon area. Because of its intensity, Gipson said the fireball was probably glimpsed in several other Midwest states.

Dave Lindsay, owner of Dave's Cappuccino, 115 N. Bluff Road, was on top of his building

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Donation — Granite City Fire Chief Keith Talley, right, presents Jack Quigley, center, director of the Madison County Emergency Management Agency, with a check for \$1,000 donated by ADM to help outfit the county's hazardous materials response truck. Assistant Chief Jim Brawley, left, contacted all area businesses regulated for hazardous materials to ask for their help in equipping the truck. ADM and Precast Metals have each donated \$1,000 to equip the truck, in background, which was converted from a beer truck donated by Vecsi Distributing.

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Courthouse additions discussed

Two architects outlined possible approaches Tuesday for adding more space to the Madison County Courthouse.

One of the presenters, Steve Carter, of AAIC Inc. in Collinsville, briefly assessed the county's situation.

"I suppose it would make your taxpayers extremely happy if we came out of this and said you don't need to build," Carter said. "I doubt that that can be a viable solution."

The other firm presenting on Tuesday

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— Steve Carter

was Sobel and Associates of Chicago. Don Mahan of Sobel took a more con-

servative approach to the issue in his presentation.

"We like to think a courthouse is a 100-year building, at least," Mahan said.

Attending the presentations were the County Board's Building and Judiciary Committees and Circuit Judges J. Lawrence Keshner and Edward Ferguson.

The Madison County Board will choose a firm later to conduct a

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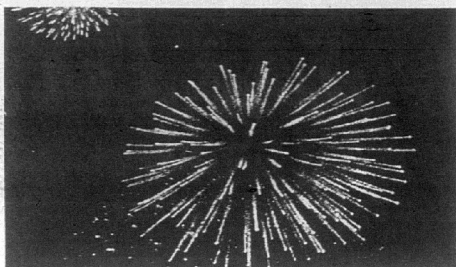
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Patriotic — At right, Julie Baker, 6, watches as face painter Julie Giuka colors in a flag on her cheek during the "Patriots in the Park" celebration last weekend at Wilson Park. Above, fireworks burst above the park. Below left, Mary Krismanic and her grandmother make some fireworks of their own with sparklers while waiting for the Fourth of July display. Below right, Harry Wolf, on the tuba, and Russes Wolf, on the trumpet, play at the celebration with the Waterloo German Band.



Christiansen named to DePauw dean's list

Margaret Elizabeth Christiansen of Granite City was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at DePauw University. To be eligible for the honor, Christiansen had to earn a grade point average of at least 3.5.

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Domestic strife tied to woman's killing

Police had no knowledge of problems

Police never knew about the domestic conflicts they now believe led to Sunday's slaying of 37-year-old Kimberly K. Mueller.

On Tuesday, prosecutors charged her husband, Richard Mueller Jr., with first-degree murder for allegedly causing her to drown in a bathtub in their home in Edwardsville. Mueller, 45, was being held in lieu of bail set at \$10 million.

In an initial appearance Wednesday in Madison County Circuit Court, he was advised of the charge against him. Mueller said he would be represented by Alton lawyer Ben Allen and requested a preliminary hearing, which was tentatively scheduled for July 15.

"We have checked our records, and there is no indication we've ever had contact with (the Muellers) regarding domestic problems," Edwardsville Director of Police Bennett Dickmann said Wednesday.

Dickmann said detectives from the Edwardsville Police Department and the Illinois State Police learned about the couple's marital problems as they investigated Kim Mueller's death.

"Basically, we believe an ongoing problem of domestic unrest manifested itself in domestic violence in the worst possible way," he said.

Investigators have learned Kim Mueller was contemplating a divorce.

Dickmann said there was nothing police or the courts could have done to help because the Muellers' problems had not come to their attention.

"It's sad that we have that kind of problem in Madison County, but we can be proud that we have a domestic violence court," Dickmann said.

"The court system has a mechanism to help. It wasn't given an opportunity here."

The county's domestic violence court, one of the first in the area, was established last Octo-

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Police chief

ber. Its presiding judge, Associate Judge Lola Maddox, said there is nothing in court records related to the Muellers' domestic problems.

The court has consolidated domestic violence cases before a single judge in the main courthouse in Edwardsville.

Most months, she said, the domestic violence court docket is larger than the traffic or misdemeanor dockets, she said.

"We were quite surprised at the volume," Maddox said. "We are getting about 200 new cases a month."

The judge said many people do not recognize the toll of domestic violence.

"The societal costs of child abuse, homelessness and lost work days, they're staggering," Maddox said.

In some cases, domestic abusers can keep convictions off their records by accepting counseling. Second-time offenders face possible felony charges.

— From The Telegraph

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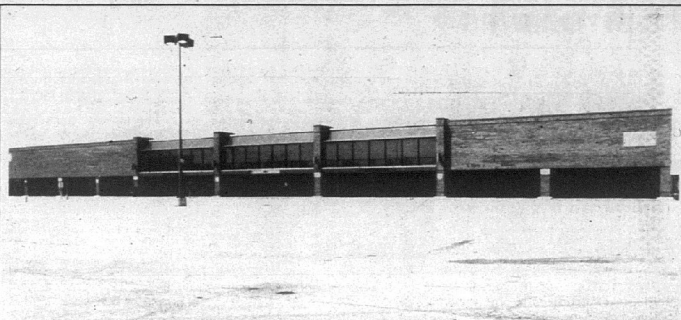
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The former Schnucks grocery store remains vacant in a shopping center along Nameoki Road.

New life for old store?

Schnucks will make its former store available

By Harry Weiner
Staff writer

Is there new life in the future of the old Schnucks store in Granite City?

Dan Brown, the city's economic development director, hopes so.

"I think it is very viable as a grocery store," Brown said. "It is a highly suitable location."

The store is at 3401 Nameoki Road in a popular shopping area.

Brown made the comments Thursday after learning that Schnucks Markets Inc. has agreed to make the store available for sale or lease to another supermarket operator. The agreement was part of the company's settlement with the Federal Trade Commission staff and the Missouri and Illinois attorneys general.

Schnucks closed the store in 1995 and moved its Granite City operations several blocks away to the former National store at 3100 Madison Avenue as part of its acquisition of most of the National chain.

The FTC monitored the buyout and has required Schnucks' compliance with a series of agreements.

Under the latest agreement, announced last week, Schnucks will make its former store in Granite City available for lease or sale to a supermarket for a period of one year. If Schnucks does not obtain a supermarket operator within a year, Schnucks can pursue an alternative tenant or buyer.

The agreement relates to the loss of sales

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— Dan Brown
Economic director

at the 24 stores which the FTC ordered Schnucks to sell when it bought out National.

Sales drops occurred in the five months National operated the stores before Schnucks completed its purchase, Schnucks said, and dropped further immediately following Schnucks' purchase of the stores in June 1995.

"The FTC took issue with the stores' sales loss, despite the fact that our slice of St. Louis' total supermarket pie is smaller today than the level approved by the FTC two years ago," said Craig D. Schnuck, chairman and chief executive officer.

"We went to extraordinary efforts to maintain and even improve sales in the stores we were required to sell."

Schnucks also agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$3 million to the U.S. Treasury. Schnuck called the penalty "totally unjustified" but said the company decided not to fight it rather than face costly and unproductive litigation.

Brown said he believes the Granite City area could easily support another grocery store. But he said he had not heard of any company interested in the building at this time.

Midnight bandit eluding police

South Roxana asks for help

SOUTH ROXANA — Police are searching for a midnight bandit who invaded two homes, robbed the residents of cash, and fled into the dark.

"We're asking for the public's help in capturing the armed man who robbed occupants of two homes in our town," South Roxana Police Chief Dennis Carpenter said.

The young robber struck after midnight at two different homes in South Roxana, once on June 25 and another time on July 2, Carpenter said.

"He forced open the doors of both homes, pulled a gun on the occupants, and robbed them of cash," the police chief

said.

Carpenter did not release details while the investigation is in progress.

The bandit, who has an average build, wore dark clothing to conceal himself during his nighttime home invasions.

"Since he was armed with a handgun, we consider him dangerous," Carpenter said.

In both home invasions, the robber displayed a gun, stole cash from the residents, and disappeared in the night.

"There was no one injured in the home robberies," Carpenter said. A South Roxana patrol car will cruise through neighborhoods at night to try to track down the robber.

Anyone with information about the robber, should call Carpenter or Lt. Jack Stalcup at 254-7469. The police chief asked neighbors to cooperate in nabbing the young robber.

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OBITUARIES

Adams, Alma M.

ALMA M. ADAMS, 71, of Granite City, died at 3:20 a.m. Friday, July 11, 1997, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton. Born June 4, 1926, in Granite City, she was a lifetime resident.

Mrs. Adams was former owner/operator of Diamond Inn. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband, Charles "Bud" Adams; one son, Paul Madwell of Madison; five daughters, Tina Shadock and Sharon Yount, both of Granite City, Retha Richmond of Madison, Kim Applegate of Washville and Jacqueline Pahluk of Aurora, Colo.; one brother, Lee Loftis of Oklahoma City, Okla.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmo and Hannah (Rodriguez) Loftis; one son, Bobby Madwell; and one brother, Tom Loftis.

Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Verner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, July 14, at Verner Chapel with the Rev. John Gambrell of Grace Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to aid stroke victims.

Beimfohr, Anna M.

ANNA M. (JUEGENER) BEIMFOHR, 87, of Madison, died at 8:55 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, 1997, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City following a lengthy illness. She was born in Washington County, she had been a Madison resident for 59 years.

Mrs. Beimfohr retired from Forcades Restaurant after 20 years as a cook. She was high school graduate. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Granite City, the afternoon

guild at the church, and Royal Neighbors Camp No. 4783 of Granite City.

Survivors include her daughter, June Bramley of Lawton, Okla.; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry W. Beimfohr, who died in 1978; her parents, Fred and Dora (Diess) Juenger; one brother, Art Juenger; and two sisters, Clara Winters and Frieda Meyers.

Services were Saturday, July 12, at St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ with the Rev. Rose Hermont officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

Memorials are suggested to St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ, 2103 Cleveland, Granite City. Arrangements were handled by Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City.

Crites, Elman Byron

ELMAN BYRON CRITES, 73, of Zella, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 3:28 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1997, in Granite City. He was born Oct. 1, 1923, in Greenbrier, Mo.

Mr. Crites was a retired welder, retired Feb. 7, 1984, from Laclede Steel in Madison. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Mo., and a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl (Ettie) (Davis) Crites, whom he married May 2, 1948, in Alton; three sons, Roger, Ricky and Michael Crites, all of Mitchell; three brothers, Ernie Crites of Kinder, Mo., and Jr. Crites of Edwardsville; five sisters, Emma, Price and Vivian Haskell, both of St. Louis, Azeele Lemons and Ilene Welch, both of East Alton; and Norma Isaac of Kinder, Mo.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Baker-Toddman and Grose Funeral Home in New Florence, Mo., with the Rev. Mike Stambaugh officiating. Burial was in Sunrise Memorial Gardens.

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SUE to build residence hall

SIU officials have scrapped proposals from three private companies that would have built and operated a new residence hall on the Edwardsville campus in favor of having the university construct it.

Construction of the building possibly could begin this September, with completion expected by September 1998.

After extensive research, SIU President Ted Sanders said at a news conference Wednesday that high costs and terms required by the firms convinced him to recommend that the university undertake the project.

"We looked at a variety of alternatives, and we tried to make the numbers work. We put together the financing to make the project work," Sanders said. "It has taken us over a year to do a proposal and financial plan that does indeed work. We thought the private approach would work, but the cost and terms of conditions associated with it caused us to rule out the private approach."

Plans now are to construct the Edwardsville campus' second residence hall as almost a mirror image of the first one, which opened in the fall of 1994.

The proposed residence hall, which would be built just south of the existing Residence Hall, would be three stories high, have 117,000 square feet, and house 506 freshmen and sophomores.

The university will save money by reusing the same plans from the first residence hall but eliminating conference rooms, Sanders said.

Previously, officials also had discussed building a facility with apartment suites but dismissed that idea because of cost considerations and the availability of apartments at Tower Lake.

The first Residence Hall filled almost as soon as it opened.

"Since colleges with housing facilities draw more freshmen, Sanders admitted the new hall also is likely to fill almost immediately. However, Sanders said the university cannot afford to construct a larger facility."

"This will provide the best housing at the most reasonable price," said David Werner, SIUE provost and vice president.

A multi-faceted proposal would grant approval for Solomon, Cordwell, Buenz and Associates Inc. of Chicago to provide architectural and engineering services for the project and to hire a project manager.

The plan first must be approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The motion also would authorize officials to retain FGM Inc. of Belleville as architects and engineers for renovations of the University Center's Food Service Cafeteria. The renovations would be needed to provide food service for the additional students in the proposed residence hall and the third phase of Tower Lake apartment renovations.

In total, the three projects are estimated to cost \$26.5 million and would be funded by the sale of \$31 million in 20-year revenue bonds.

A separate board proposal would allow the university to sell the bonds for the project.

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beans, fresh apple wedges, milk.
THURSDAY, June 17 - Beef and
bean taco w/lettuce and tomato,
cherry Jello with dried pear, milk.
FRIDAY, June 18 - Fish nuggets,
macaroni and cheese, fresh cole
slaw, slice of bread, mixed fruit
cup, milk.

Codependency to be discussed

Warren Neal and Carlyn Jackson of St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Behavioral Health System will present a talk on "Codependency: the Family Illness," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, in Pascal Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. The talk is free and open to the public. Call the Resource Center at 798-3888 to register or for more information.

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like Grant's Farm, Six
Flags too, because I like
moon cars. I like you
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Julia Vinogradova, 11
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"I like your houses they
are big and old. I like
your cars, they are
beautiful. McDonalds,
not so good. I like
famous places like the
Arch and that's all."

Sergei Zvolko, 12
Sillamae, Estonia
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"Six Flags and the fam-
ily I am staying with. I
like tomatoes and also
the church where I go
on Sunday. I like the
Zoo and the Science
Center. I love the swim-
ming pool, you have
lots, we only have one
in our town. We don't
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Dershowitz joins team
defending Amiel Cueto

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Amiel Cueto has retained
famed attorney Alan Dershow-
itz to handle the appeal of his
conviction of trying to derail a
federal investigation into a \$48
million illegal gambling
empire in Metro East taverns.
A professor at Harvard Law
School, Dershowitz has repre-
sented such prominent clients
as Mike Tyson and O.J. Simp-
son.

Cueto's lead trial attorney,
Robert Jenkins of Clayton,
said Dershowitz was retained
because of his extensive knowl-

edge of the First Amendment.

"He is one of the most
respected appellate lawyers in
the United States, if not the
most respected," Jenkins said.

Dershowitz is also the author
of many books, including
"Chutzpah," and "Reversal of
Fortune," which was made
into an Oscar-winning movie.
His latest book, "The Abuse
Excuse," is a collection of
essays.

A jury on June 11 deliberat-
ed for about 14 hours before
finding Cueto, 48, a powerful
St. Clair attorney, guilty of one
count of conspiracy to defraud
the United States and four

counts for obstructing justice.

Cueto is free on bond until
his sentencing hearing, sched-
uled for Sept. 19. He will
remain free as long as he
abides by the conditions of his
parole, one of which is not to
discuss the case with anyone.

Cueto could not be reached
for comment Thursday. A sec-
retary at Cueto's law office in
Belleville said all questions
about the case should be
referred to Jenkins.

Cueto is expected to be in
court Tuesday when the first
post-trial motions are due. At
that time, Jenkins said a
motion asking for a retrial
would likely be filed.

Prosecutors said Cueto used
his law license, money and
political influence to derail the
investigation into Tom Vene-
zia's \$48 million illegal video
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Highways called more congested than ever

By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

Whether in Missouri or Illinois, motorists in the St. Louis metropolitan area are spending more hours on the roadways and driving greater distances as they go about their daily lives.

As a result, highways are more congested, drivers are more fatigued and the potential for road rage is greater.

Officials with the Missouri and Illinois departments of transportation can point to many traffic headaches in this area, most of them well-known to the commuters who regularly suffer in these bottlenecks. In Missouri, the worst area in the state for traffic congestion is around Interstate 70 and the Earth City Expressway, said Brooke Eiler, a spokeswoman for the St. Louis district of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

As for the worst intersections in St. Charles County, one can pretty much choose between any of the I-70 interchanges.

"Just about all the (I-70) interchanges out to Highway K," said Jim Gremmaud, an area engineer for MoDOT, when asked about the most

problematic intersections in St. Charles County.

Though non-interchange overpasses are planned in the major municipalities in St. Charles County, Gremmaud said it could be between three and five years before MoDOT begins any work on the interchanges because project funding is relatively scarce.

When construction does begin, MoDOT's first priority will be to address the Highway 94 interchange in St. Charles, which receives the bulk of westbound I-70 traffic, Gremmaud said. The transportation department will then move west, upgrading intersections one at a time, he said.

Problems exist on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River as well. Dale Klohr, a district engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation, attributes many of the traffic problems to lifestyle changes. "People are living farther from their work, farther from where they shop," he said. "They're using that vehicle for more trips and for longer trips."

Klohr noted that between 1985 and 1995, the total miles traveled by individuals in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties in Illinois increased by 40 percent. That was during a time when there was a net decrease in the population in those three counties, he said. The population has shifted, with people living farther away from work, shopping and recreation, he said. And that adds up to more time behind the wheel.

Klohr said one area of heavy congestion is along Hwy. 159 between Collinsville and Edwardsville.

"We get complaints about

that all the time," he said. The story is the same on the Missouri side.

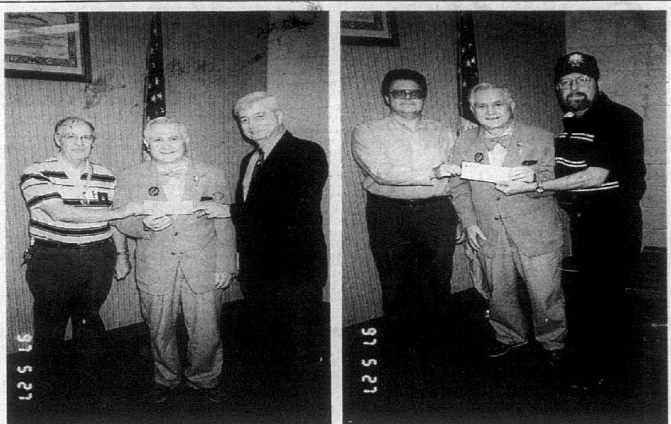
Eiler pointed out the problems in St. Charles County, where population is growing faster than anywhere else in the state.

"Almost anywhere in St. Charles County you'll find congestion," Eiler said. Also growing rapidly in population is Jefferson County, where many now commute via I-55 into St. Louis and St. Louis County.

A recent study shows that while vehicle miles traveled on our (St. Louis) area's freeways increased 62 percent between 1982 and 1993, the total lane miles in our area's freeway system only increased 42 percent," Eiler said. "That discrepancy is going to equal congestion."

Teresa Krenning, traffic operations engineer for MoDOT, said the whole business of commuting to work has changed in recent years, causing congestion in some areas where it had not occurred previously.

In the past, most commuting was from the suburbs to downtown St. Louis and back again. Now, some of the commuting is suburban to suburban, urban to suburban and so forth, as workers commute to and from businesses that are more spread out geographically than in the past.



DARE donations — At left, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Faithful Capt. Ray Sudholt, left, and Faithful Navigator Jim DeRuntz, right, present a \$1,000 check for the DARE program to Dr. J.R. Vasiloff, president of the DARE committee and former Master of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 0224, at a recent assembly meeting. At right, 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Deputy Grand Knight John Haug, left, and Grand Knight Walter Conklin, right, present a \$1,500 check for the DARE program to Vasiloff.

City balance at \$9.7 million

The city of Granite City had a total balance of \$9,735,823 in various governmental accounts as of May 31, 1997, according to City Treasurer Gail Valle's monthly report.

Balances of the city funds, according to the report, were:

General Fund.....	\$2,943,864
Drug Prev. Fund.....	\$32,856
MFT Fund.....	\$119,608
Health Plan Fund.....	\$78,992
TIF Fund.....	\$1,038,310
TIF Taxable Bond Fund.....	\$630,348
TIF Non-Tax. Bond Fund.....	\$225,450
Sewer Treat. Plant Fund.....	\$3,016,395
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County using old plan in fight against Mitchell

A Madison County land-use plan that sat on a shelf for 20 years was recently dusted off as part of the attempt to abort the birth of the village of Mitchell.

A top county official said he was unaware the plan existed until someone dug it out of the minutes from a meeting in 1973.

"We just discovered it in the minutes last week," said James K. Monday, director of administration. "I've worked here for 14 years and everyone told me there was no plan."

A land-use plan basically is a concept enacted by counties to regulate growth and potential misuse of property, attempting to protect resi-

dents.

Monday said he believed the county's land-use plan rarely has been used.

The 1973 land-use plan was cited in a court document filed June 26 by the county Community Development Department. It was signed by director Cheryl Joubert and Assistant State's Attorney Dean Sweet.

The document is an official objection to the Mitchell incorporation petition filed June 23.

The objection was one of many heard by a judge on Tuesday. The judge, Associate Judge Randall K. Bono, ruled on basis of another objection that Mitchell organizers failed to properly advertise notice of the hearing. The ruling appar-

There's a real question as to whether the Community Development Department is the relevant body to file an objection for the county.

— Jim Sinclair
Mitchell attorney

ently will require Mitchell organizers to advertise again to get another hearing.

The small community of Mitchell near Interstate 270 and Illinois Route 111 is organizing to have a vote on whether to become an incorporated village.

Annexations are becoming more common in the area as cities try to claim portions of the proposed 2,700-acre Gateway Commerce Center light industrial park which has the potential to generate millions of dollars in tax revenue.

The county's Community Development Department is just one of a powerful group of individuals, corporations and neighboring cities trying to stop Mitchell.

Other objectors include five area municipalities. According to the department's objection, Mitchell failed to consult with the county in reference to the "Official Land Use Plan" adopted on May 16, 1973.

Jim Sinclair, attorney for

Mitchell, said he believes the origin of Madison County's objection renders it irrelevant.

"There's a real question as

to whether the Community Development Department is the relevant body to file an objection for the county," Sinclair said.

County Board Chairman Rudy Papa, D-Bethalto, said he thinks Mitchell should have come to the county before filing to incorporate.

Ironically, though, Sinclair said he did just that.

Sinclair wrote a letter to State's Attorney Bill Haine last month asking if Mitchell had to comply with a plan. Haine forwarded the letter to Mon-

day's office.

Monday wrote back to Sinclair, stating that there was no plan.

But Monday had to write another letter last week, apologizing for the mistake, he said.

County Board member Jack Frandsen, D-Alhambra, said the plan may exist, but it isn't relevant.

"Even if it did have a land use plan, it would have nothing to do with Mitchell incorporation," Frandsen said.

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• Plan

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The resolution's toughest hurdle may be existing law. Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said the county cannot legally review annexations unless they are blatantly unconstitutional.

The committee will vote on the resolution next Tuesday. If approved, it will be forwarded to the full Madison County Board at its regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. next Wednesday.

Frandsen said at first he had no opinion about the Mitchell incorporation, but he and other committee members questioned Mitchell's ability to provide services to the industrial park.

Board member Bob Stille, D-Edwardsville, said he opposed the Mitchell incorporation. He said he was not

aware that the Mitchell Water District and the county sewer district already serve the area.

Board member Don Sonnenberg, D-Maryville, said he feared Mitchell's incorporation would hinder development.

But at least one board member, Pat Polley, D-Granite City, said she probably would oppose the resolution.

"I don't think I could support anything that would go against the efforts of the citizens to choose their own destiny," said Polley, who also represents the Mitchell area.

"All these people want is a chance to govern themselves," she said.

Bill Bain, one of the leaders of the Mitchell incorporation effort, said residents would oppose the county's resolution.

Eddie Jones, another orga-

nizer, said she believed the resolution would not affect Mitchell because their petition is already filed.

The petition, filed June 23 and featuring about 900 signatures, would give Mitchell residents a chance to decide at the ballot box in November whether to incorporate their community.

The proposed village's boundaries would stretch from the Mississippi River to Edwardsville and from Hartford and South Roxana to Granite City and Pontoon Beach.

Those cities have been joined by several others trying to stop Mitchell in court.

David Sherrill, engineer for Gateway Commerce Center, said the developers are working on contracts with tenants that require immediate service agreements for utilities.

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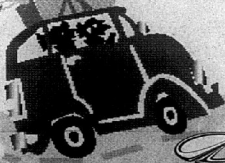
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New regions give Games greater play

The 14th annual Prairie State Games turned out to be an historic one in more ways than one.

For the first time, Illinois' state version of the Olympic Games had 12 regions instead of its customary eight. The new format confused many, giving way to such chides as the "Prairie State Compass Games."

PSG officials countered by saying that they didn't want to totally do away with the old when it was decided to add four regions. That's why instead of just one Blackhawk Region, there were two Blackhawk North (highlighted by the Rockford area) and Blackhawk South (the Quad Cities area). There were also West Central North (Peoria/Bloomington) and West Central South (Springfield/Decatur), and Blue-Gray North (Kankakee/Joliet) and Blue-Gray South (Champaign/Charleston).

The Southern Region was broken into three areas — Southwestern North (Madison, Fayette, Bond, Jersey and Calhoun counties), Southwestern South (St. Clair, Clinton, Monroe and Washington counties) and Southern (Carbondale, Mount Vernon, Centralia, etc.). The expansion was created to allow more participation in the elite/tryout sports than in the past. It worked. There were 39 teams in the basketball portion of the Games alone, compared to a maximum of 22 in past years. Soccer had 30 teams and volleyball had 29.

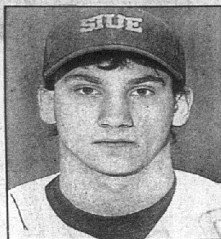
Turning the Southern Region into three regions concerned area coaches and fans. They felt they may not be as competitive. However, they proved to be plenty of talent. The Southwestern South won the gold medal in the open men's and scholastic women's divisions and also took the silver in scholastic men's basketball.

Additionally, the Southwestern South won the gold and bronze medals in scholastic women's volleyball, and was second in open men's volleyball and second in open men's soccer. The Southwestern North dominated in soccer, winning golds in open men's and open women's play, taking the silver in the scholastic women's division and the bronze in the scholastic men's division. In basketball, Southwestern North took second in the open women's competition. Southwestern North was third in scholastic men's volleyball.

Going in, Southwestern North figured to be strong in soccer, while Southwestern South figured to be strong in basketball. That turned out to be the case. The Southern Region didn't fare as well, winning only one elite medal, a bronze in open men's basketball.

The ultimate goal is to have all 12 regions represented in the three elite/tryout sports, which seem to get the most attention every year.

Another history-making event at the Prairie State Games was the defeat of Dale Eggert. Eggert, who is the wrestling coach at Libertyville High School in the northern Chicago suburbs, had won his division every year in wrestling at the Games. However, (See GAMES, Page 4B)



Jeff Ridenour
Drafted in 21st round

In Range of a dream

Texas gives Ridenour first taste of professional ball

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Jeff Ridenour grew up in St. Louis Cardinals territory, was a fanatic follower of the Atlanta Braves, and will play baseball for the Texas Rangers.

But that's OK by the right-handed pitcher, who threw this spring for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. His dream has always been to play in the major leagues. For which team was never really important.

"It made no difference to me who drafted me. I just wanted the chance to play."

— Jeff Ridenour
Rookie League pitcher

Ridenour, a Granite City native and 1994 graduate of GCHS, was selected by the Rangers in the 21st round of last month's major league draft.

"I got the official word from

Jim Greenwald," Ridenour said. Greenwald, an assistant principal at Coolidge Middle School and a scout for the Rangers, called Ridenour at noon on the draft's second day.

"I was happy and a bit sur-

BASEBALL

prised," admitted the 20-year-old Ridenour of his selection. "It represents a big step — the first step — in my dream to play major league baseball. It made no difference to me who drafted me. I just wanted the chance to play."

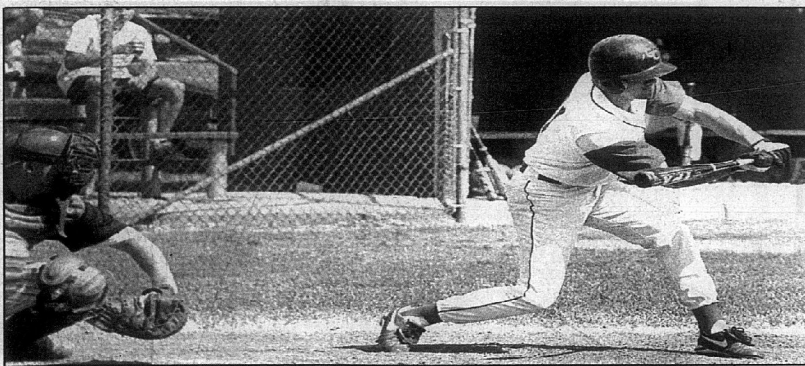
That chance begins in Port Charlotte, Fla., where Ridenour will play Rookie League baseball.

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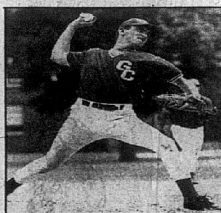


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Players of the Year — Lebanon High pitcher Nicole Bohnenstiehl (left) and Belleville East outfielder Bridget Fournie are the Illinois Journal's Class A and AA softball Players of the Year. They and the rest of the all-area softball teams will be featured Wednesday.



Jason Wood (right) looks to make contact during the Valmeyer Mid-Summer Classic.



Darin Hendrickson

GCHS, SIUE grew Ridenour's roots

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Jeff Ridenour may have reached the big time, after being recently snuggled by the Texas Rangers in major league baseball's annual draft, but he has not forgotten his Granite City roots.

The 1994 GCHS graduate was a three-year varsity starter for the Warriors before going on to star for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, where he was a pivotal member of the Cougars' 1997 NCAA Division II College World Series squad. "I learned a great deal about the game of baseball and how to play it from my days with the Granite City Warriors," Ridenour said. "I



DePew

remember that coach (Daren DePew) was always there for me. Anything I wanted to know, any question I needed to ask, he always took the time to listen, to instruct, and to help me through it. I probably work him out with all my questions and pester him, but I learned a great deal because he was willing to help me."

DePew is equally high on Ridenour.

"Jeff Ridenour was a joy to coach," said the GCHS assistant. "He was a quality pitcher. He threw hard and threw well. He worked extremely hard to improve his game. And that, along with other qualities, made him a leader on the team."

All who have worked with the 20-year-old right-hander from major league scout Jim Greenwald to members of the Texas Rangers organization speak of Ridenour's exemplary work ethic and his desire to learn pitching. (See ROOTS, Page 4B)

Bullets' MVP leads heroics at Valmeyer

By Karen Vartanian
Staff writer

Heart-stopping action was again the theme at Borsch Memorial Park last weekend, as the 26th Annual Valmeyer Mid-Summer Classic entertained fans with pulsating baseball.

All in all, six of the 11 contests were decided by three runs or less. Of those, three were determined in the final at-bat.

BASEBALL

Twice, East Alton's Mark Briggs, the tournament Most Valuable Player, propelled his team to victory with dramatic round-trippers.

Against the St. Louis Printers in the opening round July 4, Briggs' two-out, two-run homer in the top of the seventh buoyed the Silver Bullets.

(See VALMEYER, Page 3B)

Buds land eight players on All-Star squad

BASEBALL

from East Alton.

With the .641-hitting Jim Wahlig will be second baseman Neil Fiala (.500), third baseman Clay Moehrs (.442), shortstop Jeff Kaiser (.583), outfielder John Wahlig (.490), catcher Jim Anderson (.550) designated hitter John Baxmeyer (.563) and pitcher Chris George (3-0, 1.17 earned run average). Pitcher Jim Schlecht

(4-0, 3.17) completed the Waterloo contingent.

Valmeyer had eight players named to the Monroe team, including two starters — first baseman Tim Degener (.444) and outfielder Chris Landgraf (.549). Reserves named to the team were infielders Jeremiah Bergheger (.321) and Brett Crawford (.289) and pitchers Brian Matzenbacher (2-2, 2.57), Chris Kohnz (2-0, 2.67) and Dave Lucht (2-1, 6.59).

Completing the team to be

managed by Vern Moehrs of Waterloo are four players from Sauget, outfielders Travis Dawson (.511) and Greg Haake (.478) and pitchers Corey Blackwell (2-4, 4.11) and Ryan Warnecke (1-2, 3.89).

St. Clair Division starters are second baseman Jeff Silvey (.528), shortstop Mike Robertson (.579), outfielder Mark Briggs (.587) and D.J. Tony Duenas (.344), East Alton; first baseman John Moad

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Electric Mud Puppies	4-1	American Auto	6-2	Jacobsmeyers	4-1
Kramden's	4-1	Thomas MacIntyre	1-7	Shenannigans	4-1
Budman	3-3	Buzz's	1-7	Sonny Fast Auto Body	2-3
Ingleide	0-5	Thomas 12, Buzz's 3		Sixty Ducks	2-3
Patriots	0-6	Shirts-n-Stuff 12, American Auto 11		Blind's	0-5
Men's 6A		Women's 3A		Coed Green	
Blind's/Bud Lite	6-0	Diamond Gals	5-1	Shenannigans 14, Jacobsmeyers 13	
Electric Mud Puppies	4-1	Schoolie Law Office	5-1	Ingleide Tavern 14, Sitting Ducks 1	
Kramden's	4-1	Jacobsmeyers II	3-2	Blind's 18, Family Circus 12	
Budman	3-3	No Class	3-2		
Ingleide	0-5	Jacobsmeyers III	3-2		
Patriots	0-6	Sullivan's Save-A-Lot	3-2		
		Jacobsmeyers IV	3-2		
Men's 7A		Women's 4A		Coed Yellow	
Blind's/Bud Lite	6-0	Diamond Gals 10, Jacobsmeyers II 8	1-5	Shenannigans 14, Jacobsmeyers 13	
Electric Mud Puppies	4-1	Schoolie Law Office 20, Jacobsmeyers I	2-5	Ingleide Tavern 14, Sitting Ducks 1	
Kramden's	4-1	Sullivan's Save-A-Lot 12, No Class 8	3-2	Blind's 18, Family Circus 12	
Budman	3-3	Jacobsmeyers III 14, Sullivan's Save-A-Lot 6	3-2		
Ingleide	0-5				
Patriots	0-6				

SWIMMING

Montclair 330, Paddlers 321		thand D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch		Heintz) 2:18.46;	
July 2				15-18 Girls 200 Medley Relay: (M): 1. Montclair 3:23.21; 2. Paddlers (Aimee E. Lutz, Carrie E. Bisto, Kelly E. Foster, Denise E. McMillan) 3:24.70;	
Freestyle		9-10 Boys 100: 1. Brant R. McFarland (P) 1:29.15; 2. Evan Fry (M) 1:30.00; 3. Jonathan D. Dombek (P) 1:30.00; 4. 9-10 Girls 100: 1. Fran Moody (M) 1:32.94; 2. Hillary E. Slover (P) 1:33.00; 3. Jessica Dunker (M) 1:33.00; 4. 11-12 Boys 100: 1. Justin T. Schooley (P) 1:12.35; 2. Christopher T. Heintz (P) 1:12.35; 3. Robert Schuch (M) 1:12.35; 4. 11-12 Girls 100: 1. Heather McMillan (M) 1:19.36; 2. Betsy Mahoney (M) 1:19.36; 3. Summer M. Moore (P) 1:19.36; 4. 13-14 Boys 100: 1. Eric Deitz (M) 1:05.58; 2. Bryan W. Baker (P) 1:05.58; 3. Steven Hupp (M) 1:05.58; 4. 13-14 Girls 100: 1. Lauren Krupp (M) 1:11.02; 2. Katie E. Runk (P) 1:11.02; 3. Whitney Purcell (M) 1:11.02; 4. 15-18 Boys 100: 1. Steven Deist (M) 1:00.20; 2. Andrew J. Dresch (P) 1:00.20; 3. Matt D. Yehling (P) 1:00.20; 4. 15-18 Girls 100: 1. Denise E. McMillan (P) 1:13.32; 2. Robin L. Slater (P) 1:13.32; 3. Lenore Zimmer (M) 1:13.32; 4. 8 & Under Boys 100 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Paddlers (Matthew E. Schooley, Brian D. Peterson, Blake J. Bickhaus, Aaron Stred) 2:10.59; 2. 8 & Under Boys 100 Relay (Heat 2): 1. Paddlers (Karin P. Loftus, Ronald J. Weaver, Austin J. Hendrick, Harry Green) 2:10.59; 2. 8 & Under Girls 100 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Montclair 1:51.31; 2. Paddlers (Carrie E. Bisto, Jill E. Ravanelli, Carey L. Burton, Alexandra I. Hartwick) 1:51.31; 3. 8 & Under Girls 100 Relay (Heat 2): 1. Paddlers (Virginia Hoff, Marisa E. Menendez, Danielle L. Long, Keeley E. Snelson) 2:13.02; 2. 8 & Under Girls 100 Relay (Heat 3): 1. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 2:13.02; 3. 9-10 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 9-10 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 2): 1. Paddlers (Karin P. Loftus, Andrew M. Bisto, Matthew J. Norn, Thomas S. Gordon) 4:02.75; 4. 9-10 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Montclair 3:14.81; 2. Paddlers (Hillary E. Slover, Jennifer K. Ritchie, Rachel M. Clark, Cassie E. Koelker) 3:14.81; 3. 9-10 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 2): 1. Montclair 4:24.72; 2. Paddlers (Jenna A. Cassidy, Carl A. Peterson, Summer M. Moore, Katie E. Hartscher) 4:24.72; 3. 11-12 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Paddlers (Sarah E. Caudron, Melissa K. Milton, Robyn N. Baker, Alyson C. Preidler) 3:17.18; 2. 11-12 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Montclair 3:17.18; 2. Paddlers (Christopher T. Heintz, Julie A. Dombek, Katelyn E. Norn) 3:17.18; 3. 11-12 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 2): 1. Paddlers (Ashley Eavenson, Elizabeth A. Dochwat, Julie A. Dombek, Katelyn E. Norn) 3:17.18; 4. 11-12 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 2): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Emily M. Kelahan, Jamie M. Cassidy, Katie E. Runk, Katie Hubbard) 4:07.09; 3. 13-14 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Montclair 2:40.27; 2. Paddlers (Andrew J. Dresch, Timothy G. Dittman, Matt D. Yehling, Greg A. Heintz) 2:40.27; 3. 13-14 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Montclair 3:52.85; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 3:52.85; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 1): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 2): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 2): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 3): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 3): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 4): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 4): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 5): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 5): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 6): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 6): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 7): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 7): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 8): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 8): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 9): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 9): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 10): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 10): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 11): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 11): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 12): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 12): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 13): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 13): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 14): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 14): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 15): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 15): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 16): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 16): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 17): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 17): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 18): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 18): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 19): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 19): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 20): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 20): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 21): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 21): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 22): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 22): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 23): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 23): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 24): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 24): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 25): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 25): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 26): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 26): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 27): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 27): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 28): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 28): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 29): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 29): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 30): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 30): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 31): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 31): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 32): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 32): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 33): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 33): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 34): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 34): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 35): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 35): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 36): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 36): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 37): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 37): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 38): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 38): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 39): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 39): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 40): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 40): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. Bassich) 4:07.09; 3. 15-18 Boys 200 Relay (Heat 41): 1. Montclair 3:18.06; 2. Paddlers (Jonathan D. Dombek, Dennis A. Bisto, Brant R. McFarland, Jonathan D. Dresch) 3:18.06; 3. 15-18 Girls 200 Relay (Heat 41): 1. Montclair 4:07.09; 2. Paddlers (Ashley M. Streid, Kimberly M. Peterson, Leanne M. Faulker, Lacey M. 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Weight training for anyone playing football at Granite City High School is being held 7:30-9 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the high school weight room. Agility drills are also part of the program.

Training is for all incoming freshmen through seniors and will continue until the first day of football practice Aug. 13.

Baker soccer camp

Gene Baker's soccer camp in its 24th season, will be held July 21-25 at the Belleville Area College complex in Granite City. The camp will run 9 a.m.-noon daily and is for ages 8-18. Game fundamentals, disciplines and habits will be taught. The cost is \$75. To register, or for more information, call (314) 355-2374 or write to 1761 Vista Ridge, St. Louis, Mo., 63138.

5K race

The 2nd Annual Mud Mountain 5K cross country race is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the SIUE cross country course. The course is located south of University Drive. A one-mile fun run will follow the 5K run.

Entry forms can be picked at the Running Center of Manchester, Forest Park Fieldhouse, St. Elizabeth Medical Center of Granite City or by calling Jim Price at 656-5834.

Soccer camp

The Pat McBride Granite City Soccer Club soccer camp will be held at the Quad-Cities Soccer Complex 5:30-8 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1. The cost is \$65 per camper, with a team discount of \$10 per player for a minimum of seven players per team.

The camp is for boys and girls ages 5-12, and players will be grouped by age and ability for maximum learning experience.

The camp features a T-shirt for each player, individual evaluation sheets, goalkeeper training, and a watermelon party on Friday. Register in care of Connie Lofink, 2909 Forest, Granite City, Ill., 62040.

Football registration

Mathews-Dickey East will hold football registration for children ages 7-14 at Lee Park in Venice. Registration will be held noon-2 p.m. July 19 and 26. For more information, call Vincent at 976-4168.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Jaime Dellbringge beats a defender to the ball during a Prairie State Games match at SIUE.

•Ridenour

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"Most under-21 players who get drafted are sent to Rookie ball," Ridenour said. "The Rookie League lays a heavy stress on instruction in fundamentals and in teaching you the system of the team that drafted you. If you're good, you move up fast."

The next step above Rookie League is Advanced Rookie League, followed by Class A, AA, AAA and, ultimately, the major leagues. A player who proves himself could leapfrog one of the lower levels. That's what Ridenour hopes will happen in his case.

He's off to a good start. Having been used mostly in relief, Ridenour has hurled 8 1/2 innings, allowed seven hits, walked two batters, struck out 11 and given up only two earned runs.

Ridenour pitched varsity baseball for the Warriors his last three years in high school and was a member of SIUE's

NCAA Division II College World Series team this year. "In some ways this was a down year," Ridenour said. "I broke my arm and missed eight weeks of college ball. But, I got to play in the College World Series and, now, I've been drafted. It's turned into a very good year."

In addition to a \$10,000 signing bonus from the Rangers, Ridenour receives \$850 each month from the organization. Part of that income goes to pay rent on a house he shares with three teammates in Port Charlotte. The Rangers will also pay for Ridenour's last two years of college at SIUE.

"That was important to me," said the rookie. "I want to finish my education and get my degree. The Texas Rangers have made that possible."

More than that, they have made possible the fulfillment of a lifelong dream for Jeff Ridenour. The dream of playing major league baseball.

•Games

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his streak of 13 straight years ended in a 1-0 overtime loss to Brian Anderson of Princeton in the championship match of the open men's 136-pound freestyle division.

In sending in his application to the PSG office, Anderson—who just completed his career at SIU-Edwardsville—wrote: "I think Princeton will make a huge impact at the tourney this year!"

The two-time NCAA Division II All-American was absolutely right.

Cahokia had one of the

stranger rides to a gold medal. It didn't win a game in pool play in the 7-on-7 passing competition, but came back in the semifinals, beating previously unbeaten Breese Mater Dei 41-40 in the semifinals and Highland 39-28 in the gold medal contest.

Fairview Heights is under contract to host the Games for the next three years — 1998, 1999 and 2000. Next year's dates are Friday-Sunday, June 26-28.

(Bob Emig is the director of competition for the Prairie State Games.)

•Roots

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"What's happened to Jeff isn't just coincidence," DeFew said. "He has planned and worked hard for this chance. It didn't come to him just because he hoped and dreamed it would. He went after it. He put in the work. When you add his work ethic to his skills, he has the potential to be a major league pitcher."

DeFew is proud, not only because a former player has moved to the next level, but that Ridenour intends to get his degree from SIUE.

"Jeff will get his degree. That's always been his goal," DeFew said. "He is determined to finish."

"My degree is important to

me," Ridenour agreed. "I wasn't going to sign with the Rangers, or with anyone, if my college was not going to be taken care of. Getting my degree is as much a goal of my life as is playing major league baseball. Now, it's possible to do both. I'm happy."

DeFew's respect for Ridenour goes beyond athletic skills. He respects the young athlete as a person. "Jeff and I are good friends," he said. "That means a lot to me because I have so much respect for him as a person. I'm in his corner. It's a great opportunity for him, and I'm extremely happy for him. He is a young man who deserves everything good he is getting."

Ridenour adjusting to Rookie League routine

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City native Jeff Ridenour is now playing professional baseball for the Texas Rangers' Rookie League affiliate in Port Charlotte, Fla.

A typical day begins with Ridenour's alarm clock sounding at 7 a.m. By 8:30 he must be on the baseball field, dressed in uniform and doing stretching exercises and running.

Later in the morning, the players break into small groups where they first play catch and, then, work on fundamentals. For pitchers, such as Ridenour, that usually means working long and hard on such basics as pickoff moves or covering the base on a grounder fielded by the first baseman.

BASEBALL

Morning activities conclude with an hour's worth of batting practice, during which time everyone, including pitchers, takes cuts.

Players then break for a late morning lunch.

Rookie League games are played at noon each day, in the thick of the Florida heat and humidity. Depending on how many games are played and how long each game lasts, it can be late afternoon or early evening before games end.

Conditioning drills then follow the last game and can often run late into the night. When it's back to the house for what is often only a few short hours of sleep before the next day's activities get under way.

•Stars

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(385), outfielder Jason Wood (426), catcher Daren DeFew (233) and pitcher Dan Hendrickson (3-2, 1.09), Granite City; Fairview Heights third baseman Paul Helmkamp (1.343); and O'Fallon's Bobb Hill (1.454).

Reserve infielders for East Alton manager Jim Blackledge include Steve Davis and Jesse Bugger, East Alton; Jay Graves, Brighton; Chris Foor, Fairview Heights; and Scott Seipp, O'Fallon. Other reserves are Granite City outfielder Tim Hogan, Fairview Heights outfielder Rodney Lofton, Fairview catcher Scott Shain and six pitchers: Rob LaMarsh and Mark Vaughn (East Alton); Jim Pecoraro and Brian Funk (O'Fallon); Ben Dodd (Fairview); and Brian Harshany (Granite City).

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Merry Christmas —

Pictured with the home, on Spruce Street adopted by the Granite City Elks for Christmas in April are, Ralph Buske, house captain; Frank Orris; Jim Choat; Dave Coppers; Virgil Ware; Joe Barrington; Santa Claus Jerry Cook; Joe Willis; Mary Scarsdale; Ron Smith; Mike Baker; Frank Scarsdale; Nancy Colby; Matt Ozanich; and John Verschuyt on the roof.



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MILESTONES

Steve and Sue Skoklo celebrate their 12th anniversary today, July 13.

Bob Page celebrates his birthday today, July 13.

Chris Shields celebrates his birthday today, July 13.

William "Little Bill" Levart celebrates his 3rd birthday today, July 13.

Devin Levart celebrates his 2nd birthday today, July 13.

Benjamin Jakob Petri celebrates his 2nd birthday today, July 13.

Carolyn Ryterski celebrates her 22nd birthday today, July 13.

Patricia Smith Grammer will celebrate her 43rd birthday July 14.

Lisa Badgett will celebrate her 18th birthday July 14.

Emily Gavilsky will celebrate her 14th birthday July 14.

Mike Eichelberger will celebrate his birthday July 14.

Kaitlyn Ann Beswick will celebrate 4th birthday July 15.

Loren Allen Taylor will celebrate her 13th birthday July 15.

Chris and Shelly McNeish will celebrate their 2nd anniversary July 15.

Jordan Jeffrey Padgett Foltz will celebrate his 1st birthday

July 15. Geneva "G" Willoughby will celebrate her 60th birthday July 15.

Alyssa Marsala will celebrate her 2nd birthday July 15.

Lauren Elizabeth Lee will celebrate her 10th birthday July 16.

Ethel Mueller will celebrate her 91st birthday July 16.

Steven Matthew Reed will celebrate her 16th birthday July 16.

Richard and Mary (Johnson) Martin will celebrate their 6th birthday July 17.

Donnie Cathey will celebrate his 12th birthday July 17.

Deja Wynonna Cathey will celebrate her 7th birthday July 17.

Joseph Margiaracino will celebrate his 52nd birthday July 17.

Ray and Diane Nash will celebrate their 32nd birthday July 17.

Christine Rodgers will celebrate her 30th birthday July 17.

Donna (Legens) Kyle will celebrate her 32nd birthday July 17.

Carl and Linda (Johnson) Courtwright III will celebrate their 4th anniversary July 18.

Timothy John Fordyce will

celebrate his 10th birthday July 18.

Mary Rowden will celebrate her 52nd birthday July 18.

Elizabeth Ashby will celebrate her birthday July 18.

Judith Modrusile will celebrate her birthday July 18.

Elizabeth Ashby will celebrate her 80th birthday July 18.

Bill and Rosemary Puhls will celebrate their 34th birthday July 19.

Kacy Winters will celebrate her 15th birthday July 19.

Flora Baker will celebrate her birthday July 19.

Phillip Joseph Kosteci will celebrate his 18th birthday July 19.

Harry Rodgers will celebrate his 62nd birthday July 19.

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verification, if possible, and also keep in mind that we will run birthdays and anniversaries each year unless we are contacted and asked to take the item off the list. So please contact us if a person you submitted for milestones passes away, or no longer wants to be included in the listing.

New officers — New officers installed for 1997 Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 645 are: Leader Paul Jacobs of St. Louis; Cleader Margie Hull (not pictured); Secretary Melba Bates of St. Louis; Treasurer Flora Walker; weight recorder Karen Conrad; and assistant weight recorder Kathie Walker (not pictured).



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How to choose a nursing home

by Paula Harry

There comes a time in many of our lives that we must face the inevitable and choose a nursing home for a loved one. Perhaps it will be for your mother or father, grandparent or spouse or perhaps for a dear friend or neighbor that has no one else to do so. Whomever the choice may be difficult. There are so many questions to ask, so many things to consider. After working in the nursing home industry locally for the past 14 years, I feel I have gained a few insights that you may find helpful.

1. Always visit several care facilities for comparison. If possible, stop ahead so you know what is available. This is not a decision that should have to be made quickly or without careful consideration.

2. Prepare a list of your questions in advance and take it along.

3. Talk with the residents and/or visitors while touring the center. Ask if they are happy there.

4. Speak to direct care staff members, such as the nurses and nurses' assistants. These are the front-line people who will be spending the vast majority of time with your family.

5. If possible, sample the food. If not, ask for a menu for the week to be sure there is a wide variety. Ask if substitutes are always available.

6. Ask to see the results of the center's yearly Public Health Inspection. This should be posted for visitors to find easily.

7. Is there an on-site beauty/barber shop, a chapel for religious services, a private place to visit with your family?

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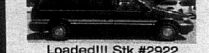
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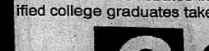


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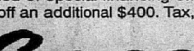


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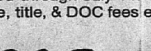


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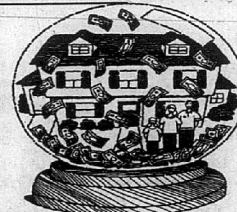
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NEWS



New members — St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki, received four new members into the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 18. Pictured from left are Chad Teoniskoetter, Deena Garner, Julie Dean and Candace Richmond.

Hong Kong merger discussed

Christian Women Fellowship Ruth Circle of Central Christian Church met March 20 in the Memorial Hall of the church for a study on China today, led by the Rev. Carren Cullen. The message pertained to the merging of Hong Kong with China on July 1. Cullen also gave the devotion. Chairman of the Ruth Circle, Helen Stumpe, led the business meeting. Plans for shut-in visits and cleaning of the church were made and dates set.

Christian Women's group meets

Joyce Miller led the program for the March meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church. The title of the program was "Who Do You Say That I Am?" Upcoming events for the coming month were announced. Those present at the meeting were President Myra Parrish, Joyce Miller, Mildred Rees, Guyia Stuart, Margaret Turner, Ruby Hart, Margaret Kacera, Ruth Lelik, Mary Lorton, Betty Rush, Lena Seitzer, Jo Stephens, Barbara Williams, the Rev. Carrie Cullen, Betty Ebrecht, Doris Edwards and Helen Stumpe.

BIRTHS

Werner, Alexander Daniel

FREDRICK AND MARY WERNER of Belleville have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Alexander Daniel was born at 4:01 p.m. May 1, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and joins a sister, Lauren Nicole. His maternal grandparents are Elsa A. Smith of St. Louis. Daniel and Ruth Werner of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

Looney, Erin Rose

SCOTT AND MICHELLE LOONEY of Troy have announced the birth of a son. Erin Rose was born at 1:35 p.m. May 4, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds. Her maternal grandparents are Harold and Helena Roth of Michael. Paternal grandparents are Jerry Looney of Maryville and Jane Looney of Richmond, Va.

Glascio, Heaven Lee

ROY AND DEMETRIA GLASCIO of Collinsville have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter. Heaven Lee was born at 9:55 p.m. May 4, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and joins Roy Lee Jr. and Danielle Lee, 1.

Bauer, William

ANTHONY CHAD AND TERRY BAUER of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son. William Anthony was born at 6:41 a.m. May 5, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 4 pounds, 8 ounces and joins a brother, Shawn Harkins. His maternal grandparents are Ronald and Donna Flaughter of Granite City. Mike and Audrey Bauer of Wisconsin are the paternal grandparents.

Richey, Nicholas Alan

MARK AND KAREN RICHEY of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Nicholas Alan was born at 5:47 p.m. May 5, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and joins a brother, Samuel Ryan, 2. His maternal grandparents are Don and Norma Hurlburt of Granite City. Larry and Sandy Richey of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

St. Peters, Kaylenn Rose

CHRIS AND KYRA ST. PETERS of Granite City have announced the birth of a daughter. Kaylenn Rose was born at 5:59 p.m. May 5, 1997, at St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Grandparents are Tom Lakin of East Alton, Rick and Marilyn Zupan of Wood River and Glen and Bobbie Bailey of Granite City.

Lintz, Jordan Javier

RANDAL AND DEBBIE LINTZ of Maryville have announced the birth of a son.

Jordan Javier was born at 1:48 p.m. May 5, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and joins Cody, 5, and Miranda, 2.

Bauer, Dallas Michael

MIKE AND PAULA BAUER of Granite City have announced the birth of their fourth child, a son. Dallas Michael was born at 6:44 p.m. May 5, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces and joins Kristina, 15, Jessica, 12, and Taylor, 4. His maternal grandparents are Robert and Linda French of Granite City.

MacDonald, Gavin Paul

WILLIAM P. AND MONICA MACDONALD of Glen Carbon have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Gavin Paul was born at 10:08 a.m. May 6, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 9 pounds, and joins Taylor, 3.

Sparks, Sarah Nicole

ALAN SPARKS AND TERESA MITCHELL of Granite City have announced the birth of a daughter. Sarah Nicole was born at 2:14 p.m. May 6, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 4 pounds, 6 ounces and joins Michelle Lynn Sparks, 3.

Her maternal grandparents are Jimmie and Nellie White of Pigott, Ark., and the late Cecil Mitchell. Norman and Daisy Burns of Hillman, Tenn., and the late Charles Sparks are the paternal grandparents.

Webb, Carley Ann

DARREN AND DEBBIE WEBB of Granite City have announced the birth of a daughter. Carley Ann was born at 2:26 a.m. May 7, 1997, at St. Mary's Health Center in Clayton, Mo. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and joins Haley Marie, 14 months.

Her maternal grandparents are Charles and Jan Polach of Granite City.

Don and Carol Watson of Collinsville are the paternal grandparents.

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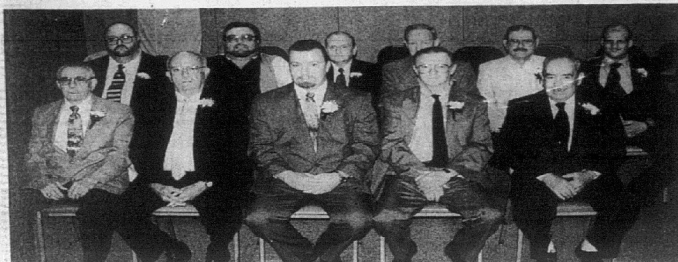
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From left in front row are: Sue Allen, Nina Jackson, Helen Miku, Vincine Zerlan, Kathie Kostoff and Susie Rogers; back row: Laverne Malzyake, Mary Church, Ann Pates—standing (pro tem for Fuzz Hagnauer), Martha Simpson, Flo Stokes and Mildred Boyd.

Eagles hold joint installation

On Saturday, May 31, the Fraternal Order of Eagles 1126 of Granite City held the joint installation of officers for 1997-98.

Acting Grand Worthy President Don Horn and acting Grand Worthy Madame President Flo Stokes opened the ceremony.

The incoming officers were escorted into the hall by acting conductor Dennis "Sarge" Dotter and acting Madame conductor Vera Johnson.

Horn introduced the officers of the Aires — Robert Sanders, treasurer; Ken Spencer, secretary; Randy Odom Sr., Chaplain; Robert Gregoria, vice president; John Paschedag, conductor; Tom Shipley, inside guard; Chuck Stokes, 3-year trustee; Craig Myers, 2-year trustee; Gene Rinehart, 1-year trustee; and James Boyd, president.

Stokes followed with the introduction of the Auxiliary officers — Susan Allen, junior past president; Mina Jackson,

vice president; Helen Miku, conductor; Vincine Zerlan, secretary; Kathie Kostoff, treasurer; Susie Rogers, conductor; Mary Church, outside guard; Laverne Malzyake, inside guard; Flo Stokes, 3-year trustee; Florence "Fuzz" Hagnauer, 1-year trustee; Martha Simpson, 2-year trustee; and Mildred Boyd, president.

All officers accepted the oath of office. Each was escorted to the altar by the conductors to receive their Medalion of Office and then took their respective stations. Vocalist Paula Hubbard, accompanied by Marge Waggoner on the piano, sang a selection of songs chosen by the new presidents, Jim and Mildred Boyd.

Worthy President Jim Boyd was given the book of Rules and Regulations of the Aires and Gavel of Authority; he then called the Aires to order and presented the Eagle of the Year award to Bob Gregoria.

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Holy Family School announces honor roll

Holy Family School has announced its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 1996-97 school year.

FOURTH GRADE

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Honors: Alicia Morelan.

FIFTH GRADE

High Honors: Brian Bulva, Matt Carney, Vince Eckhard, Calin Foster, Brittany Fuzzsary, Raquella Gardner, Megan Gattung, Adam Grandier, Jessica Hicks, Jayme Hillner, Bridget Hopkins, Cathrine Jansen, Erin Marler, Erin Marziul, Katie Motil, Sean Przygoda, Chris Reed, Benjamin Reyes, Amy Ribbing, Ashley Roberts, Jamie Roter, Erin Sabol, Sarah Scaturro, Kaitlyn Schmidt, Whitney Sykes, Sean Tyler and Andy Unfried-Sigle.

Honors: Phillip Foley, Sarah Timko and Jason Vaughn.

SIXTH GRADE

High Honors: Eric Brewer, Brittney

Bulva, Jonathan Cavina, Adam Cochran, Jonathan Costello, Aaron Craft, Matt Gattung, Jessica Geer, Emily Haynes, Chris Hinda, Libby Kelley, Melissa Kolahor, Jonathan Kozak, Brittany Kult, Andy Marti, Andy Mell, Jennifer Miller, Jaime Prazma, Luke Shipley, Jennifer Von-Nida and Sarah Whitecotton.

Honors: Ryan Breckner, Crisla Brisette, Jessica Cavina and Nicolas Patterson.

SEVENTH GRADE

High Honors: Eric Barger, Elliot Bossett, Mark Brechner, Erin Brown, Katie Carpenter, Zac Coulter, Jade Foster, Thomas Harrington, Nicole Hicks, Frances Long, Annessa Martinez, Kelly Musibli, Paul Roter, Jackie Schooley, Rachel Turek, Erin Tyler, Ted Wallace, Chrissy Webb, Tara Webb, Frederick Williams and Josh Zellerman.

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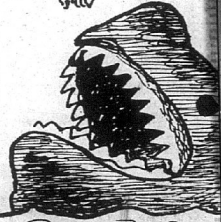
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By Tom Strongman

A weekend on the road with GMC's Suburban gave me a better understanding of why people love these things so much. It is the quintessential cruiser, capable of reaching 40 miles without a hiccup, or a stop for gas.

And it did so with all of the comfort and convenience of a full-on luxury sedan.

I've always found the Suburban's size to be a bit daunting around town. I mean, how many people really need seating for nine? Yet, here we were, just my wife and I, with all of this unused space, ready to log nearly 800 miles in two days. Even though this baby is bigger than Dallas, it rolls down the highway effortlessly and never really feels cumbersome, despite its long, 131.5-inch wheelbase, truck chassis and curb weight of more than 5,000 pounds.

The long wheelbase is a major contributor to its comfort level. We hammered down the interstate at a brisk pace, and even though the ride was plush, it did not have that loose and mushy feeling of land yachts from the previous decades.

About the only things I wished for were better seats and greater gas mileage. We averaged just over 14.4 mpg on our trip. (The EPA rating is 16 mpg on the highway, but that is not calculated for 70 mph.) The 42-gallon gas tank costs a fortune to fill up, but it allows a cruising range of 630 miles.

Our test car was a four-wheel drive, 1500 series, and it sat pretty high. Getting in was a bit of a stretch, but the driving position was

excellent because I had a panoramic view of traffic and could see over the top of many smaller cars.

Electronic, speed-sensitive power steering was added this year for enhanced feel, but I thought it was overboosted at low speeds. The turning radius is tighter this year, too.

The engine in our test unit was the 5.7-liter, Vortec V-8 with 255 horsepower. While that might sound like a lot of power, the Suburban weighs a lot and that eats up much of it. This engine puts out lots of torque, or pulling power, at 2,800 rpm, which means you don't have to wring its neck to get up to cruising speed or to blend into the freeway. It can tow 6,000 pounds.

There are two other optional engines: a 6.5-liter, turbo-diesel V-8 and a 7.4-liter gasoline V-8.

The seats, swathed in leather, were pretty good, but after four hours I longed for more support, particularly in the lumbar area.

Between the front seats is a huge console that looks like a small cooler. It has a note pad holder on top which is handy for keeping route notes, plus storage for CDs, maps, etc.

A dual cup holder pulls out from the center of the dash, or you can replace the CD holder in the console with an additional cup holder.

I would like to see GMC borrow Pontiac's steering wheel controls for the radio, because it was a pretty far reach to change stations and adjust volume.

There are two back seats, which is how you can fit eight or nine people inside. The third

seat has limited legroom, but would be good for kids, dogs, etc. The second-row seat is a split-folding bench, but you have to tumble the seat bottom forward and remove the headrest from the seat back in order to fold it down. Folding both seats down reveals 149 cubic feet of cargo space, which is huge.

Other amenities, such as rear-seat air conditioning and dual air bags, add safety as well as comfort.

Access to the luggage compartment of our test unit was through two side-hinged panel doors, and they were easy to use. Their only drawback is they cannot be equipped with a rear wiper. A switch enables all doors to be locked or unlocked from the back, a nice touch.

The base price for our test unit was \$27,313. The option list was long: tinted windows, power mirrors, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power locks, power mirrors, power seat, keyless entry, 16-inch aluminum wheels, 3.73 axle ratio, trailer towing package, running boards, locking rear differential and electronic shifting transfer case.

The sticker price was \$38,563.

The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: The Suburban is right at home cruising the highways. With a 630-mile range and seating for nine it has an immense following among big families and outdoor types.

Countervail: This is a thirsty beast. I averaged 14.4 mpg with only two people aboard.

It is pricey, too, but then so are most other full-size sport-utility vehicles.

POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stott

An 80-mile-per-gallon car could be built today. Problem is, nobody would want to pay for it.

The Partnership For a New Generation of Vehicles, a Chrysler, Ford and General Motors consortium studying means of building a highly efficient auto for the next century, has told federal officials a super-high-mileage automobile is within reach. But it would cost "tens of thousands" of dollars more than current cars. The challenge in building the efficient machines is not in discovering technology, but in figuring out how to build them affordably.

The number of cars and trucks registered in the U.S. increased by a whopping 5 million (yes, million) in 1996, according to the Polk market research firm.

There were 198.3 million vehicles registered last year, the company said. That is more than twice as many as were registered in 1970. Trucks, especially small pickups and sport-utility vehicles, now account for more than a third of the country's fleet.

The age of the fleet is going up, too. The average car registered in 1996 was 7.9 years old, up from 7.7 years of age in 1995. The average truck was 7.7 years old last year, an increase of 0.1 year over 1995. In 1970 the median age of the auto fleet was 4.9 years, and the median truck was 5.9 years old. A Polk executive says the statistics prove manufacturers have vastly improved the quality of their products, possibly to the point that new cars are too expensive. He suggested there might be a niche for a less expensive vehicle that might last a dozen years or so.

In the 1960s, 8 percent of cars and trucks went to scrap yards each year. In this decade the scrap rate is 6 percent.

If the BMW is a status symbol, a thus-hardened BMW must represent even more status. To combat the crime and kidnappings suffered by wealthy Mexican families and businessmen, BMW has begun building "security cars" in Mexico City.

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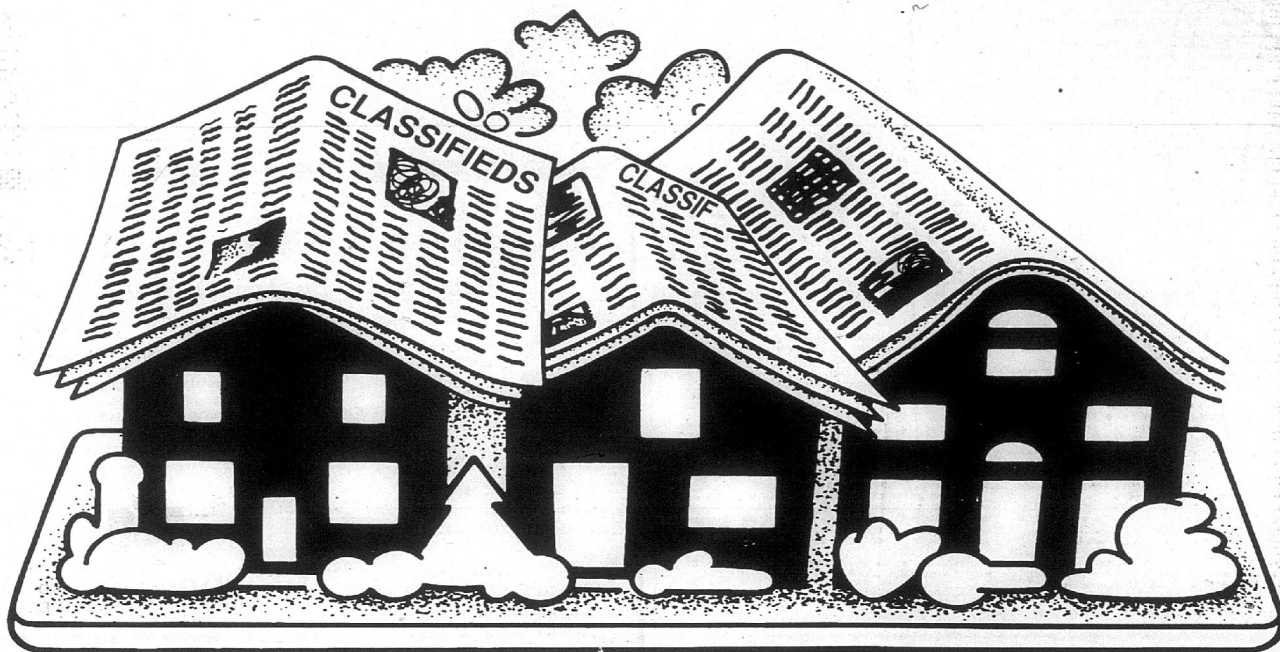
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Striding across the land

Longheinrich has walked in all 50 states

By Julie Kelemen
Correspondent

From Alaska's midnight sun to hurricane-force rain in Florida, Diane Longheinrich has seen it all. She just earned the "50 State Award" from the American Volksmarch Association.

The association gives the award to registered folksport walkers who complete walking tours in all 50 states.

It wasn't that long ago that Longheinrich, a recently retired secretary who worked for the Lindbergh School District, began work on her 50-state goal. In May 1991.

"I was real fortunate," the Concord Village area resident says. "We met up with two other ladies, and they had been to a lot of the places. They knew how to travel and where to get in the most walks in the most states. For instance, when we went east for one week, we hit about 11 to 13 states."

"The West is a little more difficult," she says. "There is one event that you can hit four states in one weekend." That was the "four corners" region of the southwest — Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona.

A walker for all seasons, Longheinrich says her coldest walk was in Topeka, Kansas, where it was 5 degrees below zero, and walkers had to cover their faces except for their eyes.

"Fortunately, there was no wind, so it wasn't bad," she says. "You just have to dress for it."

"Volksport" is German for "people's sport." Longheinrich says American folksmarching began when World War II soldiers brought it back from Germany. It had seen how Europeans folksmarched for fitness, recreation and as a family activity.

Most walks are 10 kilometers (6.2 miles). They've taken Longheinrich through Oregon forests, sparkling Georgia suburbs, Arizona desert, Princeton and the Carolinas, and even across the 1.5-mile-long Mackinac Straits Bridge that links Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas.

Although her traveling has been extensive, she says she has no one favorite state.

"It's hard to name any one beautiful area, but I do prefer the forest walks," she says. "They're my all-time favorite."

Longheinrich has walked along the Atlantic Ocean in New Jersey and the Carolinas, and she has seen Alaska's midnight sun. When she walked in Alaska, a serviceman sponsored the event on his base in Anchorage.

"It was early in the morning, and we had very long days," she says. "In fact, we were up most of the weekend. We flew in on a Saturday morning and flew back out on a Sunday evening. We got up there, we did the walk and we stayed up, probably 'til midnight. Then we walked again the next day. The weather was beautiful. The weather overall has been

beautiful wherever we've walked."

Travel can be expensive, but Longheinrich says she and the six other folkswalkers share travel with watch the air fares and share lodging.

"If it's close enough that we can drive, then we share the expense of renting a van," she says.

So how does one follow up this act? "Now that I'm retired, my husband's going to join me, and I'm going to start around again and try to do a walk in each capital of each state," Longheinrich says.

Also, this summer she will tour a portion of Canada. Many folksmarchers try to walk in all the Canadian provinces.

Longheinrich already has conquered Ontario. "I did a walk up in suburban Toronto a couple years ago," she says. "Unfortunately, that was the only walk I've ever been injured on."

Snow started to fall, and she slipped, fell and broke her wrist.

The injury came less than a mile into a walk of about six miles, but she finished anyway, throbbing wrist and all.

Longheinrich also learned to respect nature and storm warnings during a hurricane-season walk near West Palm Beach, Fla. The sky looked fine when she started, but halfway through the walk, "it let loose," she says. "It rained so hard you could hardly see in front of you. It actually hurt, the rain came down so hard."

As it stormed, her husband screamed "A snake!" just in time for her to see one slither between her feet in mid-stride.

"How I didn't step on that snake, I don't know, but he and I timed it right, and I just kept looking it," Longheinrich says with a laugh.

As she sits in her living room to chat, Longheinrich wears a purple T-shirt that has 50 different colorful shoes trekking all around the shirt. Her walking friends had it made for her as a gift. They secretly passed it along to Longheinrich's husband to surprise her after she finished her 50th state walk around Diamond Head in Hawaii earlier this year.

For each walk officially completed, one collects stamps in two small Volksport Association books that resemble a passport.

"You have a book that keeps track of your events and a book that keeps track of your kilometers," Longheinrich says.

The Volksport Association has patches, pewter medallions and figurines available as mementos of each walk. Colorful patches are Longheinrich's favorite choice, with each jacket entirely covered in them and another filling up fast.

"I think I'll have to start on a vest now to hold them all," she says.

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For homeowner use, catan, benomyl (Benlate) and wettable sulfur are available fungicides, while carbaryl (Sevin), malathion, diazinon and methoxychlor are common insecticides recommended for fruit crops. In addition, organic materials such as azadirachtin (Align, Neem, Neemix), soap sprays (M-Pede, Safer Soap) and Bt (Dipel, others) are also available as alternative insecticides.

Use of any spray product on a particular fruit species is dependent on Environmental Protection Agency registration.

Not all products can be used on all fruit, and the effectiveness of each product against various pests is different. Often, compounds are sold pre-combined (multipurpose home fruit spray) — a convenient, but more expensive option. Any crop restrictions as well as the use rate and frequency of application will be detailed on the products EPA approved label. Be sure to read this label prior to purchase and application of any product.

Often home fruit growers get a good start on the spray season in the spring, but lose consistency and skip sprays as the season progresses. Depending on the crop, there are a number of late spring and summer "cover" sprays which are applied at regular intervals. These follow the more intensive pre-bloom and petal fall spray periods. Generally, summer cover sprays are a combination of both insecticides and fungicides, however in some fruit species only one or the other may be required, depending on the pest problem.

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By Jim Merkel
Staff writer

There's a verse in the Old Testament that has stuck with Jaroslav Vajda for decades. It cajoled him to write the words that led one organization to declare him the greatest writer of hymns now living in the United States.

The verse is from King David, who wrote a song with the words, "I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1)

Now 78, the former Lutheran pastor who lives in Oakville with his wife, Louise, said he writes his hymns with a desire that those who hear and sing them will be glad they are in the house of the Lord.

Vajda is impatient with much of the music in churches these days. It lacks the depth needed to bring congregations to the highest form of worship, he said.

"Nowadays, I think the hymnic knowledge is limited almost to two hymns," Vajda said.

Pick out any scene of a church service in any movie, and there will be one of two hymns played, he said.

"It's either 'How Great Thou Art,' or 'Amazing Grace,'" Vajda said.

The thought comes from a man the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada considers the greatest living American hymnwriter and one of the world's five greatest living hymnwriters. Others have called him the poet laureate of the Lutheran Church.

Those who frequent services of Lutheran, United Methodist, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ and other churches will recognize his hymns, "Go My Children With My Blessing" and "God of the Sparrow."

Vajda contends there is a trend today in church services toward repetition of simple phrases from the Bible, which misses the richness of Biblical worship in a congregation.

"The repetition of the Bible, that's OK, but that's like saying 'Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep' the rest of my life," Vajda said.

Vajda has no objection to the music of popular Christian singers such as Sandi Patty and Amy Grant, and says music is more personal and more informal. It's meant for performance and not for church worship.

Much like a pastor struggling to assemble a sermon, Vajda works painstakingly with his hymns. He said a good writer of worship hymns should have both a varied theological background and experience as a pastor.

"You deal with people at all stages of life, from birth to death," he said.

In fact, after graduating from St. Louis' Concordia Seminary in 1945, Vajda was pastor at churches in Pennsylvania, Indiana and St. Louis. He served as assistant pastor of St. Lucas Lutheran Church in south St. Louis from 1963 to 1976. After that, he was a book editor at a publishing house.

Even before he became a pastor, Vajda had experiences that helped develop his interests in writing, music and work as a minister, as well as his spiritual life.

The son of a Lutheran minister and the grandson of immigrants from Slovakia, Vajda grew up studying music, language and literature in Indian Harbor (now East Chicago), Ind. When he was 12, Vajda played violin in the Chicago Youth Symphony. As a teenager, he

Hymns of Jaroslav Vajda

Here is a sampling of the hymns that led the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada to call Jaroslav Vajda the greatest living hymnwriter in America.

"Now the Silence"
Now the silence
Now the peace
Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling
Now the plea
Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing
Now the power
Now the vessel brimming for pouring
Now the Body
Now the Blood
Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding
Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing.
Now Now Now

started translating Slovakian short stories and poetry into English.

Now about 18, he began translating "A Song of Blood," a classic 32-sonnet sequence written at the outset of World War I by Hviezdoslav, Slovakia's leading poet. The translation won wide acclaim.

Vajda worked on that translation while he had a job at a steel company in his home town and saw closely the difficulties workers endure. He says that taught him compassion.

About that time, Vajda submitted several verses to a literary journal and received a seven-word note back from its editor, "You have an authentic gift for poetry."

From the time of that letter to the time he wrote his first hymn, Vajda continued to improve his skills in writing and the ministry.

That first hymn came more than two decades after he entered the ministry, almost by accident.

In 1963, Vajda took a job as editor of *This Day* magazine, a monthly publication with 100,000 circulation published by Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis. Then one day in 1968, he found himself in the kind of situation any editor dreads: with a blank page and three days to fill it.

With the deadline facing him, Vajda started thinking about his questions about the words of King David, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

He then filled the page with the words of a hymn text, "Now the Silence," meant to say why a thankful worshiper would be glad to go into the house of the Lord.

After the publication of that hymn text, Carl Schalk, a Lutheran composer and music professor from Concordia College in River Forest, Ill., asked Vajda for permission to write a melody for it.

Schalk wound up writing the melody for about 25 of the 200 hymns Vajda has either written or translated since then.

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